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October 30, 2011

9:00 a.m.

**Westside Morning Services – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – John Adams Middle School**

**Parking**

- **Street parking** is available on Pearl, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets, and in the surrounding neighborhood (meters are free on Sundays).
- **Family and Handicapped parking** is in a lot off 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Additional parking** is available to all in a lot off Pearl Street, between 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**Families**

- **Parents with young children**, two rooms with a video feed and changing table are across from the auditorium. Follow the signs.
- **Children's Ministry:**
  - Ages 0-2* check-in at the playground by the family parking lot.
  - Ages 3 and older* check-in is near the auditorium. Follow the signs.

**Hospitality**

- **Coffee and donuts** will be served on the lawn outside the auditorium.
- **To learn more** about Pacific Crossroads, visit our **Welcome Center** in the hospitality area.

**Downtown Evening Service – 5:00 p.m. – St. John's Cathedral**

Worship Service and Children's Ministries

*Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the service.  
Food and drinks are prohibited in the auditorium. Thank you.*

## Reflections

You are either single and lonely or married and bored.

*Chris Rock*

[The modern secular person] still needed to feel heroic, to know that his life mattered in the scheme of things.... He still had to merge himself with some higher, self-absorbing meaning, in trust and gratitude.... If he no longer had God, how was he to do this? One of the first ways that occurred to him, as [Otto] Rank saw, was the “romantic solution.”... The self-glorification that he needed in his innermost nature he now looked for in the love partner. The love partner becomes the divine ideal within which to fulfill one’s life. All spiritual and moral needs now become focused in one individual.... Man reached for a “thou” when the worldview of the great religious community overseen by God died. After all, what is it that we want when we elevate the love partner to the position of God? We want redemption – nothing less.

*Ernest Becker, The Denial of Death*

I am not fated, I am not determined, I am not a lump of human dough whipped into shape by the contingent reinforcement and aversive conditioning of my past. I know as well as the next person that I cannot create my life *de novo*.... But when I make a promise to anyone I rise above all the conditioning that limits me. No German shepherd ever promised to be there with me. No home computer ever promised to be a loyal help.... Only a person can make a promise. And when he does, he is most free.

*Lewis Smedes, The Power of Promising*

I was beginning to suspect that it made no difference whether they’d married the right person. Finally, you’re just with who you’re with. You’ve signed on with her, put in half a century with her, grown to know her as well as you know yourself or even better, and she’s become the right person. Or the only person, might be more to the point. I wish someone had told me that earlier. I’d have hung on then; I swear I would.

*Anne Tyler, A Patchwork Planet*

Most of the literature that attempts to instruct us about getting along in marriage fails to face up to a fact so clearly true that I have dared to call it Hauerwas’s Law: You always marry the wrong person. It is as important to note, of course,...that the reverse of the law is also true: namely, that you also always marry the right person. The point of the law is to suggest the inadequacy of the current assumption that the success or failure of a marriage can be determined by marrying the “right person.” Even if you have married the “right person,” there is no guarantee that he or she will remain such, for people have a disturbing tendency to change. Indeed, it seems that many so-called “happy marriages” are such because of the partners’ efforts to preserve “love” by preventing either from changing.

*Stanley Hauerwas, “Sex and Politics: Bertrand Russell and ‘Human Sexuality’”*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## Prelude

## Song of Preparation

### *Great and Marvelous (Revelation 15:3)*

Music: Chris Weldon

Great and marvelous  
Are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are Your ways  
King of the nations.

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## God Calls Us to Worship – Psalm 90:1-2 – *Marshall Brown*

*Leader:* Lord, You have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

*All:* Before the mountains were born  
or You brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

## Songs of Praise

### *Everlasting God*

Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
Wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord (2x)

*Bridge*            Our God, You reign forever  
                         Our hope, our strong deliverer

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### *Dwelling Place (Psalm 90)*

Words and Music: Chris Weldon

You have been our dwelling place  
You have been a tower of strength  
Through each generation You've been  
Our home

*Chorus*    Before the mountains were born  
                 You've been our God  
                 Before the world and the earth  
                 You loved us

Jesus be a dwelling place  
For the ones calling Your name  
In our generation, Jesus  
A home

*Chorus*

*Bridge*    Be our God  
                 Be our home  
                 You are holy and enthroned  
                 Come dwell with us

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*Chorus*    You are the everlasting God  
                 The everlasting God  
                 You do not faint  
                 You won't grow weary  
                 You're the defender of the weak  
                 You comfort those in need  
                 You lift us up on wings like eagles

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## ***Awakening***

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Reuben Morgan

In our hearts, Lord  
In this nation, awakening  
Holy Spirit  
We desire awakening

*Chorus 1*      For You and You alone  
Awake my soul  
Awake my soul and sing  
For the world You love  
Your will be done  
Let Your will be done in me

In Your presence  
In Your power, awakening  
For this moment  
For this hour, awakening

*Chorus 1*

*Bridge*      Like the rising sun that shines  
From the darkness comes a light  
I hear Your voice say this is my awakening

*Chorus 2*      Like the rising sun that shines  
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing  
From the darkness comes a light  
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing  
Like the rising sun that shines  
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing  
Only You can raise a life  
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing

## Heidelberg Catechism Question #1

*The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 in Heidelberg, Germany, to instruct the church. It is a series of 129 questions of which the first is the most famous.*

### **Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?**

**A.** That I am not my own,<sup>1</sup> but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death<sup>2</sup>, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup> He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood<sup>4</sup>, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.<sup>5</sup> He also watches over me in such a way<sup>6</sup> that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:<sup>7</sup> in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life<sup>9</sup> and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 6:19-20

<sup>2</sup> Rom. 14:7-9

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

<sup>4</sup> 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2

<sup>5</sup> John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11

<sup>6</sup> John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5

<sup>7</sup> Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

<sup>8</sup> Rom. 8:28

<sup>9</sup> Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14

<sup>10</sup> Rom. 8:1-17

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## Song of Response

### *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Words: Thomas Chisholm; Music: William Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Chorus*    Great is Thy faithfulness!  
              Great is Thy faithfulness!  
              Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
              All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
              Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Chorus*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Chorus*

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## Scripture Reading

**Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

<sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

<sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

<sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

<sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

<sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.

And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

**Matthew 10:39** Whoever finds his life will lose it,  
and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

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## Sermon

Commitment Phobia

*Rankin Wilbourne*

## Offerings of the People

*The offering is a way for Christians to support the mission and ministry of the church. Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources—time, talents, possessions—as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God’s grace. If you are a guest we are glad you are here today. Please feel no obligation to give.*

### **May Your Voice**

Words and Music: Isaac Watters

*Chorus*            May Your voice cry bodily outta my chest  
                          May Your tears fill my eyes for Your children oppressed  
                          May Your feet carry me ’till I come to Your rest  
                          May Your light illumine my inky darkness

I was led to the garden, I knelt there and wept  
 And I shook like a leaf in a rainstorm  
 And I heaved my sin up against Your forgiveness  
 For who am I but a seed amongst thorns?

It caught on the cross in whose shadow I crept  
 Come quickly Lord Jesus, I long for Your rest

*Chorus*

You my savior suffered beyond comprehension  
 The most courageous man bled afraid  
 While I live in the dungeon of comfort and plenty  
 I lay resting my feet in the grave

Lord Jesus, come quickly and lift me to action  
 Unbind my apathetic frame  
 I have slipped so sleepily, restore my traction  
 Renew my fervor again

*Chorus*

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## Ordination of Jeremy A. Weese

Introduction of Ordination – *Marshall Brown*

Questions for Ordination & Questions to Congregation – *Kyle Wells*

Charge – *Marshall Brown*

<sup>5</sup>He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?”

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:5b-8

Laying on of Hands and Prayer – *Rankin Wilbourne*

Pronouncement of Ordination – *Marshall Brown*

*A native of upper state New York, Jeremy studied at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis. He has been on Pacific Crossroads’ staff since last fall, and successfully completed his ordination exams recently. Jeremy is excited that his journeys have led him to Los Angeles. He works alongside Pastor Marshall Brown and Community Life Coordinator Ellen Godfrey in pastoring and supporting our community leaders.*

## Song of Celebration

### *Mighty to Save*

Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

<sup>1</sup> Everyone needs compassion  
 Love that's never failing  
 Let mercy fall on me  
 Everyone needs forgiveness  
 The kindness of a Savior  
 The hope of nations

<sup>2</sup> So take me as You find me  
 All my fears and failures  
 Fill my life again  
 I give my life to follow  
 Everything I believe in  
 Now I surrender

*Chorus* Savior, He can move the mountains  
 Our God is mighty to save  
 He is mighty to save  
 Forever, author of salvation  
 He rose and conquered the grave  
 Jesus conquered the grave

*Bridge* Shine your light and  
 Let the whole world see, we're singing  
 For the glory  
 Of the risen King Jesus  
 Shine your light and  
 Let the whole world see, we're singing  
 For the glory  
 Of the risen King

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## God Sends Us Out – *Jeremy Weese*

**Daylight Savings Time Reminder:**

Set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Want prayer?** Our prayer team is available to pray with you after the service at the front of the auditorium. All requests are kept confidential.

**Welcome Center:** If you would like more information about our church, please visit the Welcome Center in the hospitality area.

**Ministry Contacts**

*If you have a question or a need, we are here to serve you.*

[financial or mercy needs]	mercy@pacificcrossroads.org
[contact a pastor]	pastors@pacificcrossroads.org
[community groups]	community@pacificcrossroads.org
[children's ministry]	children@pacificcrossroads.org
[counseling need or question]	counseling@pacificcrossroads.org
[global missions opportunities]	missions@pacificcrossroads.org
[local service opportunities]	hopeforla@pacificcrossroads.org
[worship team]	worship@pacificcrossroads.org
[meals ministry]	meals@pacificcrossroads.org
[general inquiries]	info@pacificcrossroads.org

*To learn about our ministries, please visit [www.PacificCrossroads.org/Ministries](http://www.PacificCrossroads.org/Ministries).*

**Musicians**

Adam Alesi – drums

William Gramling – vocals/keyboard

John Krovoza – cello

Wendy Leung – vocals

Nate Miller – vocals

Cary Park – electric guitar

Brian Song – bass

Chris Weldon – vocals/keyboard

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## Announcements

**TODAY, Children's Ministry Harvest Festival,** 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All parents, children, and Sunday school teachers are invited to a potluck-style picnic and fall festivities at Virginia Avenue Park (2200 Virginia Avenue, Santa Monica, 90404).

**Part-Time Job Opportunity on Sunday Tech Team.** We are seeking an individual who is tech savvy and well-organized to serve at all three worship services. For more information and to apply, email [jobs@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:jobs@pacificcrossroads.org).

**International Ministry Lunch Fellowship, next Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>,** at 1:00 p.m. Join us for a monthly fellowship that seeks to encourage and build the international community at Crossroads. Our next meeting will be held at Palisades Park in Santa Monica. Lunch will be provided. For more info and to RSVP, email [international@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:international@pacificcrossroads.org).

**Opportunity to mentor international students:** The International Ministry is calling working professionals in the fields of computer science, electrical engineering, financial engineering, public policy and social science to consider mentoring an international student in the same field of study. Mentors will explore career, cultural and spiritual questions with mentees. For more info and to apply, visit [www.PacificCrossroads.org/InternationalMinistry](http://www.PacificCrossroads.org/InternationalMinistry). The application deadline is November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**New Santa Monica Community Group.** If you live in Santa Monica and have not joined a Community Group yet, consider joining this new group in the area. Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, it will meet Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. For more info, contact Laurianne at [ldent08@gmail.com](mailto:ldent08@gmail.com).

**New West LA Community Group.** If you live in West LA and have not joined a Community Group yet, consider joining this new group in the area. Starting November 7<sup>th</sup>, it will meet Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. For more info, contact Reggie at [rb4c87@hotmail.com](mailto:rb4c87@hotmail.com).

**Brehm Center Lectures, November 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: *The Art of Prophecy, the Prophecy of Art.*** The Brehm Center at Fuller Seminary will be hosting a series of lectures on art, faith and the environment. Speakers include NYC-based artist Makoto Fujimura, Duke Divinity Professor Ellen Davis, Environmental Designer John Chan and others. This event is free. Email Alex at [Alex@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:Alex@pacificcrossroads.org).

**Men's and Women's Breakfasts:** You're invited to a biweekly time of discussing the Bible. Men meet this Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at two locations: on the Westside at the church office (10351 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 430, Los Angeles, 90025), and Downtown at Philippe's restaurant (1001 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, 90012). Women will meet this Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:50-8:00 a.m., at the church office.

**Want to meet new people?** Helping out with our Sunday services is a great way to meet people and serve our community. To learn about our Sunday ministry teams, email [serve@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:serve@pacificcrossroads.org).

**Prayer Book Informational Meeting, next Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.** We're looking for writers to help update our prayer booklet, "Thy Kingdom Come: 52 Weeks of Purposeful Prayer." No experience needed – just a love of writing and prayer. If interested, join us for a brief informational meeting next Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. service, on the lawn in front of the auditorium. If you're interested but unable to attend, please contact Kimberly@pacificcrossroads.org for more details.

**Women@Crossroads Thanksgiving Brunch, November 12<sup>th</sup>,** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Women are invited to a special catered brunch for the purpose of learning about the ministry of the Downtown Women's Center. We'll hear how they are impacting the community and find out how we can help. For more details and to learn more about Women@Crossroads, email women@pacificcrossroads.org.

**Pasadena Potluck, Prayer and Worship Evening, November 12<sup>th</sup>,** 4:30-7:00 p.m. For our friends in the Pasadena area, our new Pasadena City Group is hosting an evening of fellowship and worship. We'll be sharing about our City Group pilot and ideas for building community in our area. RSVP at [www.tinyurl.com/city-group-pas](http://www.tinyurl.com/city-group-pas), or contact Sarah for more information: SarahKim@alum.mit.edu.

**Celebrate Recovery** is a place to experience God's healing power from addictive and dysfunctional behaviors by sharing experiences, strengths and hopes with one another. Join us Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., at the church office (10351 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 430, Los Angeles, 90025). Snacks provided. For info, email Scott: RecoveryMen@pacificcrossroads.org; or Robbye: RecoveryWomen@pacificcrossroads.org.

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## **Global Missions & Prayer**

**Trip to China:** Join a team to help lead a children's program for the kids of our long-term global partners while they attend an annual seminar and retreat. This is an opportunity to learn about global outreach in the country as well as get a taste of Chinese culture. The trip will be February 4-11, 2012, and the cost is \$1,800 (depending on flights). Applications are due November 11<sup>th</sup>. For more info and to apply, please contact Sean at SeanDavis07@aol.com.

**Partner Update: East Asia.** *Ken* and *Jane* (pseudonyms) are regional directors for a campus mission organization in East Asia. Please pray that the students they serve would have a growing passion to share the gospel, and that God will protect the students and staff from persecution.

**The 2011-12 *Thy Kingdom Come* Prayer Book** is available at the Welcome Center. This week's prayer focus is: **Boxes of Love.** Through Boxes of Love, Hope for LA mobilizes volunteers to provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need. Please pray that the families who receive a Box of Love will be reassured of God's provision and care. Pray also for many bold and generous volunteers to fill and distribute the boxes (for more info, see the next page).

## Hope for LA

*Hope for Los Angeles (HFLA) mobilizes volunteers to serve the poor and marginalized in Los Angeles through partnerships with community organizations. Stop by the Welcome Center after the service if you would like a recent newsletter and a complete list of our ministry partners.*

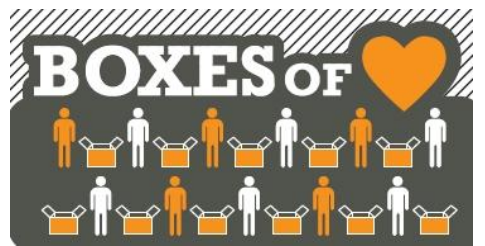
*Check out our website at [www.HopeForLA.org](http://www.HopeForLA.org), or email us at [info@HopeForLA.org](mailto:info@HopeForLA.org).*

**Boxes of Love** is an annual project where Pacific Crossroads partners with inner-city churches and ministries. You can volunteer by filling boxes with a Thanksgiving meal and delivering the boxes to families in need. For more information, visit:

**[www.HopeForLA.org/BoxesOfLove](http://www.HopeForLA.org/BoxesOfLove)**

- **TODAY & Sunday, Nov 6 – Pick up empty boxes** and shopping lists at the Boxes of Love table.
- **Sunday, Nov 13 – Bring your filled boxes** back to John Adams Middle School.
- **Saturday, Nov 19\* – Deliver Boxes of Love** to families in need with people from Pacific Crossroads and Faithful Central Church.

\*Even if you cannot be part of the delivery day, you can be a vital part of this project by filling boxes.



### **TODAY & Sunday, 11/6 – Loving the Wise** (3:00 - 4:00 pm)

Love and encourage the elderly residents of Santa Monica Convalescent Center, at 2250 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Santa Monica, by participating in a worship service. Contact Kathy at [Lovinkat427@yahoo.com](mailto:Lovinkat427@yahoo.com).

### **Tuesday - Thursday, 11/1 - 11/3 – Tutor At-Risk Youth** (3:00 - 5:30 pm)

Read, do arts & crafts, play sports, and lead a Bible lesson with middle school students on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon at S.A.Y. Yes!, a youth development organization. Contact Dan at [Dljeung@gmail.com](mailto:Dljeung@gmail.com).

### **Thursday, 11/3 – Mentor Foster Teens** (7:00 - 9:00 pm)

Volunteers are needed to help out at the youth club night of Impacting Hearts, a foster teen ministry in Inglewood. The night consists of playing games, eating dinner, befriending teens and hearing a gospel message. Contact Amy at [Amymichellehoe@yahoo.com](mailto:Amymichellehoe@yahoo.com).

### **Friday, 11/4 – Prep Breakfast Downtown** (5:45 - 8:30 am)

Prepare and serve breakfast at Union Rescue Mission, a shelter that provides food and recovery programs for people on Skid Row. Contact Betty at [bettylam.hope@gmail.com](mailto:bettylam.hope@gmail.com).

### **Friday, 11/4 – Cook Dinner for Youth** (7:45 - 10:00 pm)

Cook dinner for kids at the OASIS of Hollywood, which provides a safe place for at-risk youth to dance, socialize and hear a message of hope. Contact Mark at [Markromedia@earthlink.net](mailto:Markromedia@earthlink.net).

## Community Groups

God created us to live in relationship with one another and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. We hope our community is a place where Jesus is experienced so that both our own lives and our city are changed.

Community Groups are weekly gatherings in homes and offices around Los Angeles where people meet to know one another, pray, read the Bible and serve our neighbors by promoting justice in our city. These groups are not only one of the best ways to meet people at Crossroads—they are one of the best ways to experience everything we talk, pray and sing about on Sundays.

To get a list of all our Community Groups, visit our Welcome Center after the service. Also, you can utilize the interactive map on our website to find a group that is right for you: [www.PacificCrossroads.org/Community](http://www.PacificCrossroads.org/Community).

If you have questions, please email [community@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:community@pacificcrossroads.org) or call 310.551.0081.

